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### Employment sector of scientists and engineers, by broad occupational category and degree field: 2015

(Percent)

Employment sector	All employed scientists and engineers	Highest degree in S&E	S&E occupations	S&E-related occupations	Non-S&E occupations
Total (number)	25,306,000	13,497,000	6,407,000	7,867,000	11,031,000
Business or industry	70.7	72.3	71.5	69.9	70.8
For-profit businesses	53.7	58.9	63.6	47.7	52.4
Nonprofit organizations	10.8	7.3	4.7	17.9	9.3
Self-employed, unincorporated businesses	6.2	6.1	3.2	4.3	9.3
Education	18.5	15.8	17.2	21.8	16.9
4-year institutions	7.8	8.8	14.2	6.2	5.3
2-year and precollege institutions	10.7	7.1	3.0	15.6	11.6
Government	10.8	11.9	11.3	8.4	12.2
Federal	4.6	5.3	5.8	3.7	4.5
State or local	6.2	6.5	5.5	4.7	7.7

**Note(s)**

Scientists and engineers include those with one or more S&E or S&E-related degrees at the bachelor's level or higher or those who have only a non-S&E degree at the bachelor's level or higher and are employed in an S&E or S&E-related occupation. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

**Source(s)**

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) (2015), <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygrads/>.

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